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- The Brussels Federation of the Belgian Communist Party established its procedure for the election of candidates for the coming legislative and provincial elections at a meeting on 24 harch. Each section would submit a list of candidates to the Federation. The Federation would prepare and return to the sections a master list of candidates. Each section would then vote by preferential secret ballot on 30-33 candidates for the Chamber of Representatives, 16 for the Senate and 9 or 10 for the Provincial Council. These ballots would be returned to the Federation for tallying. The tallying would be done by delegates chosen on the basis of 1 for each 20 members. The Federal Committee and the Central Committee would pass on the candidates elected. The final result would be announced at a Federal Congress to be held not later than 8 April. Xavier Relecom announced that the electoral campaign would emphasize the communist struggle for peace.
- The groups and sections of the BCP are preparing for the 1 hay celebration which will also emphasize the struggle for peace. As a prelude to this celebration, the BCF is intensifying its peace campaign. At the meeting of the Brussels Federatiom Relecom instructed the masses of the Party exert themselves in this struggle. A drive is being conducted in the Schaerbeek Section to obtain signatures on a petition for peace to be sent to the U.N. The Scharebeek Section is also attempting to create a Unified Committee for Peace. Communist women have been urged to attend the Congress for Peace to be held in Paris on 24 and 25 April.
- 3. A special sale of BCP publications, principally the Drapeau Rouge and the Rode Vaan, has been planned for 1 Lay. The Schaerbeck Section has estimated its expenses for the celebration at 11,100 francs, including 9,000 francs to be turned over to the Brussels Federation for the preparation of leaflets, tracts, and posters. The Section is planning on a return of 13,000 francs from press sale, emblem sales, various donations and a movie benefit performance. All preparatory meetings are to be kept secret in order not to alert the police.

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